



# LIBERTY LINK

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

In riding along with our commercial vehicle enforcement officer Taj Wilkerson, a direct correlation between our road maintenance, public safety, and vehicle impacts came to light. I want to thank the two commercial companies, Northwest Clean Site and Sunshine Trucking Company, for doing business in the City, along with Officer Wilkerson for helping to educate me in the areas of weight distribution and safety issues.

Northwest Clean Site hauls away construction debris. The owner, Mark, allowed us to examine his truck and trailer for what to look for regarding safety as well as Jessie & Jake from Sunshine Trucking Company, who showed us how to load trucks for even capacities and weight distribution. With proper distribution and utilizing the arterials designed for heavy weight impact, these trucks can deliver products to us while keeping the impact centralized to a few roads. In Spokane County, we are evaluating our options to keep the roads we travel on in good repair. Parts of those discussions include a funding mechanism of creating a TBD (Transportation Benefit District) much like what we accomplished for the building of our 26 miles of pathways. Our city has approximately 87 lane miles of roadway, each of those miles

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## 2010 BUDGET PROCESS

By Jessica Platt

Administrative Services Manager

The City Council will embark on the budgeting process for 2010 in October. The Council will look at possible revenues and expenditures for the upcoming year. Designing a City budget requires a great deal of effort, careful ordering of priorities, and considerable input from residents. The initial budget process begins early in the year. During this time, the City Council begins establishing budget goals. City staff collaborates with the Mayor to review each department's current budget and plans for the next year. In October/November the City Council will hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the coming year's budget. In November the preliminary budget is filed with the City Clerk and budget hearings begin. The budget must be adopted by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor and City Council encourage residents to take part in the budget process. This process works to assure resources are wisely used to ensure adequate funding for the services, public facilities, and infrastructure necessary to meet the community's present and future needs. For more information, please contact Jessica Platt at 755-6702, stop by City Hall, or visit the City's website:

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov>

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## CITY ARBOR DAY

By Amanda Tainio

Planning &amp; Building Services Manager

The City of Liberty Lake invites you to join us in celebration of the City's 7th Annual Arbor Day with a Tree Planting at the new Rocky Hill Park on the Corner of Mission Ave & Winrock St. We will be planting the street trees at Rocky Hill Park along Mission Ave.

**ARBOR DAY**  
**FRIDAY OCT 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rocky Hill Park**  
**Mission Ave & Winrock**  
**2:00pm**



## Halloween Great Candy Buy Back

November 2<sup>nd</sup> (4-7pm). \$1.00 per pound paid for unopened candy. Candy is then shipped to Operation Gratitude who packages candy into care packages to send to troops overseas. Drop off your candy at KIDDS Dental, 1327 N. Stanford Road. Support this great cause!



## MAYORS MESSAGE CONT:

....would cost \$360,000 to reconstruct. Deferring maintenance increases the overall cost of roadway ownership to the taxpayer. We will be establishing truck routes within the City and a Pavement Management Program as well. Establishing a countywide TBD could help our City avoid the potholes of the future by simply constructing and maintaining our roads to withstand the test of time. It is the future planning that avoids mistakes in the future. Are we willing to plan together?

*Mayor Wendy Van Orman*

## NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

By Amanda Tainio

Planning &amp; Building Services Manager

October is National Community Planning Month. The celebration of National Community Planning Month gives everyone the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of Planning Commission, other citizen planners, and professional planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the City of Liberty Lake. The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our community and environment. In celebration of National Planning Month, the City Council will proclaim October 2009 as National Community Planning Month during their meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, anyone interested in learning more about planning in the City of Liberty Lake is welcome to contact Amanda Tainio, Planning & Building Services Manager at 755-6708 to set up a time to tour the Planning & Building Services Section of City Hall to see the day-to-day operations, learn more about the City Comprehensive Plan and Development Code, and ask questions about planning.

## SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

This information is provided by the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission on School Zone Safety:

Washington State law, RCW 46.61.440, outlines the definition of a school zone, as well as the basis for the increased fines for those violating the speed limit in these areas. The speed limit in school zones is 20 mph, and the fines for speeding in school zones range from \$189.00 - \$784.00, depending on how far over the speed limit a driver is going. Studies show that a child has an 80% - 90% chance of survival if struck by a car travelling 20 mph; however, that same child would be killed 90% of the time if struck by a car going 5-10 miles per hour faster.

- A school zone, as defined in statute, is 600 feet long.
- A vehicle going 20 mph will travel through a school zone in approximately 20 seconds.
- A vehicle going 30 mph will cover this same distance in approximately 13.5 seconds.
- A 10 mph increase in speed significantly endangers a child, but saves only a marginal amount of time.

The Liberty Lake Police Department asks drivers to obey the posted speed limit in school zones, and to slow down in the neighborhoods. Allow children to use the crosswalks when they are waiting to cross the streets. Saving yourself a few seconds of driving isn't worth risking a child's life. To read the full version of this article, visit the Liberty Lake Police Department Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).



## OCTOBER STORY TIMES

By Amy Dickeson  
Children's Librarian

**Mondays**  
**10:30am**

Read, Play, Discover!  
All Ages  
Cancelled Oct 19th



**Tuesdays**  
**10:30am**

Toddler/Preschool  
Story Time  
18+ months

**Wednesdays**  
**4:00pm**

Read, Play, Discover!  
All Ages  
Wild Rumpus Oct. 14th



**Fridays**  
**10:15am**

Baby Laptime  
Ages 9 months—24 months

**11:00am**

Toddler/Preschool Stories & Songs  
18 months and up

**1:00pm**

Stories and Crafts  
3 years and up

**Saturdays**  
**11:00am**

Read, Play, Discover!  
All Ages

## LIBRARY UPDATES

By Tracy Rebstock  
Librarian

October will be an exciting time at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, filled with events for all ages. The following is happening at the Library this month:

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a special Usborne book sale on Fri Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and Sat Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a display table set up in the meeting room for these brand new books!

October will be a fun month at the Library. We are celebrating the release of WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE on Wednesday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This event is open to the family and we ask you to wear your pj's and bring a flashlight.

There will be stories, activities and fun!

Teen Read Week is celebrated October 18<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Teens can check out our Teen Space webpage for things to do during that week!

For more information on these events, please visit the Library website at:  
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/library>  
or come visit us at the new Library.

**Happy Halloween**

## HALLOWEEN AT THE LIBRARY OCT 30TH

By Tracy Rebstock  
Librarian

Halloween will be celebrated at the Library on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. We invite kids and parents to come and join us for our annual Halloween party at the Library with activities, games, and fun!

5:00pm-6:30pm is designed for kids from birth to 2nd grade (of course the whole family is welcome). There will be a funhouse to walk through that won't be too scary for the younger ones. Families can walk through the funhouse at any point during the evening on guided tours. While you wait for your group to be called you can participate in one of the many activities, crafts or games. There will be two spooky story times during the evening. Wear your costume and join the fun!

7:00pm-8:30pm is designed for kids from 3rd grade on up...the funhouse will be slightly more scary during this time...but as always the family is welcome to be around and participate in the fun! There will be a "guess what this is" table and a spooky ghost story or two. Of course there will be activities and games for the older kids as well.



**Come see the new Library!**

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# Q & A

## HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: [wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov). I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

## MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read more Questions & Answers visit our Q & A Web Page:  
[www.libertylakewa.gov/questions](http://www.libertylakewa.gov/questions)

### Question to the Mayor:

**"After reading the latest issue of the 'Liberty Link' and your response regarding a waterfall and Founders' wall at Trailhead Golf Course, I am wondering what ever happened to the Arboretum project?"**

### Answer from the Mayor:

"Natures Place at Meadowwood, the 'Arboretum', is still on our list to be completed. The recent economy gave us a bit of a setback in 2009, but we were still able to complete Rocky Hill Park Phase One, and purchase and renovate the Library/Public Safety Building. We anticipate completing the Arboretum in several phases. The first needs are to put in some of the hardscapes such as irrigation, drainage, stone steps & making sure that it is ADA compliant. I foresee, with a lot of volunteer participation for the plantings, we could complete phase one. It all depends upon the economy. We have prided ourselves to keep your taxes low within the City. We will be entering into the budget season to provide you with the services you depend upon."

### Question to the Mayor:

**"I recently returned back to Liberty Lake and saw the Skate Park opened; I have noticed an abundance of vulgar language, trash and smoking. What is the City doing to make sure that the rest of the park is a serene place to visit?"**

### Answer from the Mayor:

"The skate park was built with donations & grant funding at Pavillion Park to provide another recreational opportunity for the teens within our community. Personally, I have not seen trash at the skate park but have noticed younger kids being coached by the older ones on how to use their bikes and skateboards. Many times it becomes an ownership issue, getting the users aware that it belongs to them. If the users want the park to remain open, they need to take care of it. Peer pressure will help, plugging a meter with .25 every time an accidental word slips out could clean up the language or...build another amenity in the park! Our officers have been directed to take care of illegal activity but we need to be alerted if it happens. I also have comments in the other direction."

### Community resident comment on the Skate Park:

"I wanted to say how impressed I am with the new skate park that opened this summer in Pavillion Park. The cost was an eye-opener for sure and I was skeptical of how much actual use it would get. However, in riding my bicycle through the park on a regular basis, I can say firsthand that it is attracting a good crowd of young people and they look to be having a great time without causing problems. The location for the skate park is excellent as it can be easily monitored by adults or police and the noise level is not excessive. While I still cringe at the cost, I have to term it a success so far."



## RECREATION PROGRAMS

### PET DAY IN THE PARK SATURDAY OCT 3<sup>RD</sup>!

By Troy Mullenix  
Recreation Coordinator

Come join the fun at Pet Day in the Park coming up this Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Pavillion Park. Bring your favorite loveable house pet, and explore the booths, enter the costume contests, walk a dog from the humane society, and much more! Best of all, this event is FREE!

This year's event was moved to Sat Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> in hopes of cooler weather, and so that it would not conflict with ValleyFest at the end of September.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9:00—Doggie Walk (bring your own dog, or check one out from the Humane Society. Who knows, maybe you'll want to take one home with you?)

10:00—1:00:

Vendor Booth and various performances/presentations

1:00—Costume Contest (enter for free. 2 contests including best dressed pet, and an owner-pet look-a-like contest. Prizes will be awarded!)



Come see these adorable 4 month old purebred Siberian Huskies and more!

### Sign Up & Pay Online!!

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation>



#### Chiefs Hockey Tickets

Enjoy some great hard-hitting hockey action with the Spokane Chiefs! Purchase tickets at a special discounted group rate of only \$9 per person. 4 different games to choose from! NEXT GAME SAT OCT 24<sup>th</sup> vs. Tri City BUCK NIGHT! - \$1 hotdogs, popcorn, soda



#### Computer Classes

7 different classes to choose from. Learn everything from basic computer skills to browsing the Internet. Classes run all month from 6:30—8:00pm at the TierPoint Office Building. Sign up required on our website or City Hall. Only \$25 per class



#### Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a slow, gentle exercise that can be performed by any age or fitness level.

10-week class runs every Monday starting Oct 5<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm—7:00pm) \$75 per person (includes all 10 classes!) Classes are at Trailhead Golf Course



#### Women's Self Defense

New this October, Women's Self Defense Class. You will learn basic skills for practical situations.

4-week class runs Tuesday evenings starting Oct 6<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm—8:30pm) \$59 per person (includes all 4 classes!) Classes are at Trailhead Golf Course



#### WSU Football Tickets

*WSU vs UCLA Saturday Nov 14<sup>th</sup>*

Come on down to Pullman to watch the Washington State Cougars football team as they take on the UCLA Bruins. Great sideline seats at the special low group price of only \$32 per person. Order tickets online now! (Deadline Nov 1)



# GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

## Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Pet Day in the Park, 9am—2pm, Pavillion Park

## Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

- Youth Commission Meeting, 7:30pm, City Hall

## Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

- City Council Meeting & Public Hearing, 7pm, City Hall

## Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

## Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

- City Arbor Day Celebration, 2pm, Rocky Hill Park

## Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

- CV School Board Meeting, 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

## Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, City Hall

## Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

- Youth Commission Meeting, 7:30pm, City Hall

## Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

## Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Sewer/Water Board Meeting, 7pm, Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowood Homeowner's Assn. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

## Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

- CV School Board Meeting, 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

## Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission Special Meeting, 4pm, City Hall

## Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

- Halloween Party, 5pm, Liberty Lake Municipal Library

## Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

- *Halloween*



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